

--- “Series of 1897” – CANADA CUSTOMS - 49 VIC. - CHAP. 34 - 95 x 95 mm. design ---

--- recess printed in blue ink on vertical mesh wove ---

--- with **RAW LEAF** centrally inscribed in 23 mm. hollow serifed Gothic letters ---

--- RA-13 - *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. red controls - inscribed 18__ - scanned at 100% scale ---

Lee Brandom has listed these 1897 RAW LEAF Customs Stamps in his “P” section. It seems to me that they belong in the “M” section, since the 1868 Young Queen ‘RAW LEAF’ stamps continued the control numbering sequence from the *regular* blue ‘Customs stamps’ into the ‘Raw Leaf’ section without a break.

The catalogue lists the 1897 square blue CANADA CUSTOMS - RAW LEAF stamps as follows:

RA-13 - CUSTOMS, square, blue, dated 18__, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 4½ mm. red controls

RA-14 - CUSTOMS, square, blue, dated 19__, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 4½ mm. red controls



★ RA-13 - CANADA CUSTOMS / RAW LEAF, blue, *coarse roulette*, with 4½ mm. red control **005005**, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, used at *Port Colborne*, Ontario, Entry No. 27, for 7 pounds of *Raw Leaf Unstemmed*, dated **18__**, (thus probably from 1900), signed by *J. A. Ramsden* / for COLLECTOR CUSTOMS

005005 ★	18__	RA-13	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, used at <i>Port Colborne</i> , on 7 lbs. of <i>Raw Leaf Unstemmed</i>
005089 ○	1804	RA-13	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, Entry 6028, used at <i>Ste. Catharines</i> , Ontario, on 50 lbs. Nett. of <i>Leaf Tobacco</i>

In 1897 the excise duty on imported *unstemmed* raw leaf tobacco was 10¢ per pound, while the excise duty on imported *stemmed* raw leaf tobacco was 14¢ per pound.

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--- RA-13 DP - die proof - inscribed 18__ - scanned at 100% scale ---



★RA-13 DP - CANADA CUSTOMS / RAW LEAF, blue, plate proof on thin proof paper, mounted on light cardboard

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★ RA-14 - CANADA CUSTOMS / RAW LEAF, blue, *coarse roulette*, with 4½ mm. red control **091209**, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, used at *Montreal* in **1910**, Entry No. 88, stamped with *J. Corbeil* as COLLECTOR CUSTOMS

017039 ★	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , for 165 pounds, Entry 500
021821	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , for 180 pounds, Entry 7703
027291 ★	02/11	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Hamilton</i> , Entry No. 2095 , with an oval blue stamp reading CUSTOMS - CANADA / WAREHOUSE / FEB 1 1911 / HAMILTON ONT.
032002	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , for 127 pounds
038238	1915	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , for 176 lbs., signed by <i>J. Corbeil</i>
038258	1906	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, MONTREAL , for 165 lbs., Entry 6260 , signed by <i>J. Corbeil</i>
038563	1906	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, MONTREAL , for 165 lbs., Entry 6260 , signed by <i>J. Corbeil</i>
045565	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, MONTREAL , signed by <i>J. Corbeil</i>

045568	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , for 181 lbs., Entry 107, signed by <i>J. Corbeil</i>
049983	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove
091209★	1910	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , Entry No. 88, <i>J. Corbeil</i> Collector
091224	1910	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, <i>Montreal</i> , Entry No. 88, <i>J. Corbeil</i> Collector



RA-14 – CANADA CUSTOMS / RAW LEAF, blue, *coarse roulette*, with 4½ mm. red control **105888**, from Plate # 2, on vertical mesh wove, used at *MONTREAL* in **1914**, for 172 pounds, Entry No. **6372**, stamped with *J. Corbeil* as COLLECTOR CUSTOMS Plate No. 2 - *from the collection of Fritz Angst*

105558 ○	19__	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, for 162 lbs., Port 8024? Entry No. 185
105888 ○	1914	RA-14	CUSTOMS RAW LEAF, <i>coarse roulette</i> , on vertical mesh wove, from Plate # 2, stamped <i>MONTREAL</i> , Entry No. 6372

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--- RA-14n - *coarse roulette* - without control numbers - inscribed 19__ - scanned at 100% scale ---



★RA-14n CP - CANADA CUSTOMS / RAW LEAF, blue, *coarse roulette*, without control numbering, dated 19__,
on vertical mesh wove - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic (a suspect stamping)

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--- faintly roller cancelled **TOBACCO / A-20** ---



★**RA-14n SP** - CANADA CUSTOMS / RAW LEAF, blue, *coarse roulette*, without control numbering, on vertical mesh wove, dated 19__, lightly roller cancelled **TOBACCO / A-20** by “C. T. Bates & Co.”, Ottawa

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